



"Be an Example
to All the
Believers..."

1 Timothy 4:12

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us praise the God of wisdom, knowledge, and grace. Blessed be God forever.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Leader: We gather in prayer today to ask God's continued blessing on our community, that we will continue to find ways of ministering to the young people of our parish and engaging them in the life and mission of our Catholic community.

Reading: 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Leader: God is always present in our world—and the Good News is proclaimed through many voices. Let us be attentive to the voices of those who participated in this project and whose words are at the heart of our learning today.

*Please respond to the prayers as indicated within the Power Point presentation.
The responses are also listed below:*

Reader: Loving God, we know that we are less when we do not use the gifts and talents of our young people.

All: *Help us to make them integral to all that we do and all that we are.*

Reader: Jesus our Brother, we need to pay attention to the whole family – to all that is good and holy, and all that might be broken.

All: *Help us to support, enrich, and enliven our families of youth.*

Reader: Spirit of God, we know that you are ever present in our ministry efforts.

All: *Help us to touch young people with your Gospel message, with your healing touch, with words of challenge and inspiration.*

Reader: Creator God, we will need all of our resources to build up our young people, allowing them to grow in confidence and grace.

All: *Help us to be transformed by their growth and contributions.*

Reader: Source of Wisdom, we need to support each other as we minister to our young people.

All: *Help us to build up each other and affirm our different gifts – all of which are needed in this ministry.*

Leader: Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone. Send your Spirit upon us and our communities, fill us with your wisdom and blessings. Help us to minister to all the members of our parish. Today we pray in a special way that we can learn to be more effective in ministering to our young people, using all the gifts and ministries of our parish to touch each of them with your Love. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

